

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: David A. Nicholas et al Group Art Unit: 2814 Examiner: H. Trinh Filed: 10/14/99 Serial No: 09/417,535 ARTICULATING ENDOSCOPIC SURGICAL APPARATUS For: PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME Asst. Commissioner For Patents Washington, DC 20231 Sir: Pursuant to 37 C.F.R.: 1.136(a), an extension of time of \$ ...... 110:00 Small Entity [] \$ 55.00 one month two month 400.00 200.00 460.00 three months 920.00 755.00 four months 1,440.00 is hereby requested to [] respond to the Office Action mailed ; [] file a Notice of Appeal; file an Appeal Brief [] respond to Notice for Filing Missing Parts\_\_\_\_\_ [] other (specify) File a continuation application concurrently herewith; [X]\_\_( ) month was previously secured for filing the above [] An extension of time for identified communication, and the fee paid therefor of \$\_\_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested. The fee for this extension is \$ \_\_\_\_ minus the fee previous paid of \$\_ equals \$\_\_\_\_\_, the total fee due. Please charge the requisite fee, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17, of \$920.00 to Deposit Account No. [X]21-0550. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this [X]application, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 21-0550. TWO DUPLICATE COPIES OF THIS SHEET ARE ENCLOSED. Respectfully submitted, Paul R. Audet United States Surgical Reg. No. 26,439 150 Glover Avenue

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